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第99話

Bargaining with a Famous Jockey!!

...

THIS IS OUR LINE-UP ...

AND HERE ...

HERE IS OUR OPPONENT'S PROJECTED LINEUP...

THEN SEKITEI TIGER AND IRISH HERO ...

IT STARTS OFF WITH THE '94 QUADRUPLE CROWN WINNER NARITA BRION,

...

THE ENEMY SIDE'S ...

THEY'RE ALL REGULARS AT THE G1...

MARVELOUS TOYOTA, NICE WORLD, AND SISSY AMAZON TOO...

AL-MOST ALL OF THEM ...

THEY'RE THE KIND OF HOR-SES THAT JUST BARELY SQUEAK INTO THE OPEN.

AS FOR HIRAI'S SIDE...

.....

THEY'RE ALL TO BE EX-PECTED.

HE'S SHOWN A CONSIST-ENT DISPLAY OF STRENGTH.

IS THIS YEAR'S DERBY HORSE, TAYASU TAKESHI...

THE ONLY ONE WITH A FIGHTING CHANCE

IF YOU ARE REALLY DOING IT, I HAVE NO DESIRE TO BE PART OF IT.

I CANNOT APPROVE OF SOMETHING SO INSANE.

TAKING PART IN A 30BN YEN, 1-ON-1 RACING GAM-BLE...

IT SOU-NDS AB-SURD.

THIS WHOLE STORY ...

I WOULD NOT GO WITH THE JSA.

IF YOU'RE STILL SET ON DOING IT...

BUT ... HOW-EVER ...

IF I HAD TO CHOOSE A SIDE...

IN OTHER WORDS, HAVING ONE SKILLED HORSE UP YOUR SLEEVE, ONE THAT WON'T BETRAY YOU ...

JSA

YOUR METHOD OF NULLIFYING THE RISK FROM THE JSA'S MONEY AND POWER...

I CAN CERTAIN-LY...

SYMPATH-IZE WITH THAT.

IN THAT SEN-SE ...

YOU ARE ON THIN ICE.

THIS METHOD OF WIN-NING THE MATCH

IS COM-PLETE-LY LACK-ING IN CHIVAL-RY.

THE JSA IS TAKING MORE RISK.

WELL, THEN,

IF I LEND YOU MY STRENGTH ...

NO...

I HAVE MORE TO SAY.

WELL THEN ...!

I SHOULD LEND YOU MY STREN-GTH...

I AM A MEMBER ...

DO NOT TELL ANYONE

I HEARD THAT HIRAI-SENSEI TRIES TO WIN BY STEPPING ON THIN ICE ...

SOME TIME AGO ...

VICTORY WILL BE DIFFI-CULT.

WHETHER I OR ANYONE ELSE PARTICI-PATES ....

THAT YOU CAN WALK ON WATER ....

YOU ARE NOT SO ENLIGHT-ENED

YOU CAN'T BUILD THE ROAD TO VIC-TORY.

WITH-OUT FORM-ING ICE,

ICE HAS NOT EVEN FORM-ED.

THIS TIME THERE IS SUCH A POWER DIFFER-ENCE...

WHO CAN LOWER THE TEMPER-ATURE.

ARE THE ONE

YOU ...

I THINK THAT ICE WILL FORM.

IF YOU JOIN US ...

AS FOR ME ...

DOES THAT MEAN WE WOULD HAVE A CHANCE?

IF WE CAN SLOW THEIR PACE...

CONSC-IOUS OF ME.

THE ENEMY IS

TH-AT'S ...

IT WOULD STILL BE HARD TO WIN ...

WITH THESE HORSES,

TO DRAG IN THE ENEMY, AND CREATE THE IDEAL PACE,

ASSUMING THAT I DO MANAGE

IF THAT'S THE CASE ...

VERY SUSPICIOUS ...

THAT WOULD BE

this match

I guess it's really going to be tough.

HIIII ~~!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE ...

HIRAI SAN ...

WELL THEN,

...

is even saying that

if Okabe a veteran.

a really tough match

it's worse than imagined

GIVE UP AS SOON AS POSS-IBLE...?

SHOULD-N'T YOU

FOR THIS MATCH ...

THIS IS JUST MY AD-VICE, BUT ...

...TO PROPOSE JUST THAT.

THE TRUTH IS I CAME HERE TODAY

EH ...?

RECKLESS-NESS IN STANDING AGAINST THE JSA

WHAT I MEAN IS, RIGHT NOW, YOUR ....

THIS IS MY OWN REASON-ING.

THE JSA DIDN'T PUT ME UP TO THIS.

OF COU-RSE

I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL...

I'M IMPRESS-ED... AND

YOU WILL NOT LOSE THAT 30BN.

IN THIS GAME WITH AN UNDER 1% CHANCE OF WIN-NING,

IF YOU JUST DO NOTHING ...

SO ...

I AM WILLING TO GO TO THE JSA FOR YOU.

IF YOU DO NOT MIND, HIRAI-SAN,

BUT STILL ...

YOU WILL PAY A SUBSTANTIAL PENALTY.

YOU CANNOT JUST GO UP TO THEM AND SAY THAT.

OF COU-RSE,

TO THIS GAME YOU CANNOT WIN.

YOU SHOULD PUT A STOP

FUFU ...

CORR-ECT?

IT WOULD BE BETTER THAN LOSING 30BN...

NO WAY YOU COULD ...?

...

YEAH ...

FOR ME ...

I'M SOR-RY.

...

THERE'S ALREADY NO WAY I COULD DO THAT ...

OKABE-SAN

I CAN'T GIVE UP YET.

EVEN IF I COULD CONVINCE HIM AT THIS POINT

AND THE PROBABILITY OF WINNING IS PAPER THIN...

I HAVE A 99% CHANCE OF LOSING...

EVEN THOUGH

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WHY ...?

...

ONCE MY BEHAVIOR IS DISTORTED,

ONCE I LOSE MY OWN CONFIDENCE ...

YOU CAN NEVER GET THAT BACK.

YOU CAN ALWAYS GAIN IT BACK AGAIN SOMEHOW.

BUT ...

...

IF YOU LOSE MONEY,

...

IF I DID THAT ...

TURNING TAIL AND RUNNING BEFORE THE BATTLE EVEN BEGINS...

GIVING UP HALF-WAY

HOLD-ING ON TO THAT 30BN,

I COULD NEVER DO THAT...

I WOULD NO LONGER BE "GINJI HIRAI" ...

YOU'LL STILL SEE IT THRO-UGH?

EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW YOU WILL LOSE,

YOU'RE WILLING TO THROW AWAY 30BN?

FOR THE SAKE OF THAT VANITY ...

...

RIDIC-ULOUS ...!

I THINK THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE TO FIGHT.

EVEN THOUGH I KNOW I'LL LOSE

IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL A MAN'S DIGNITY?

BUT I...

YOU MAY NOT SEE IT AS DIGNITY

YOU MUST WIN... OBVIOUSLY ...

IN BATTLE

THE NATURE OF A MATCH.

THAT IS

I WOULD NOT HAVE EXPECTED THIS FROM YOU...!

YOU'VE SURVIVED MANY BATTLES IN THE UNDERWORLD

UP TO THIS POINT,

THE PATH TO THE FUTURE CAN ONLY BE OPENED BY VICTORY.

AS FOR WINNING ...

I'D SAY ABOUT THE SAME THING.

THAT'S CORRECT.

NO,

AM I WRONG ...?

I'VE NEVER THOUGHT LIKE THAT

AT ALL ...

THE REAL TRUTH IS,

IS IN TERMS OF YOUR MENTAL ATTITUDE ...

IN FACT WHAT YOU REALLY MEAN

SOMETHING LIKE A SPELL THAT LIFTS YOU UP ...

THAT'S RIGHT.

WINNING ...

BUT ...

WELL ...

IT WILL BE THE SAME AS BEFORE ...

OR EVEN LOSE ...?

THAT PRO-CESS IS WHAT'S IMPOR-TANT.

HOW YOU FIGHT ...

WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS

HOW WILL YOU WIN ...?

EVEN IF YOU JOIN US,

WITH THIS RAC-ING GAME,

SO,

THAT WILL BE ENOUGH.

IF I DO IT THE "HIRAI" WAY,

YES ...

YOU WON'T SAY, "WIN" ...?

I WON'T SAY, "WIN".

...

THAT WILL BE ENOUGH ...!

AS LONG AS YOU DO IT THE "OKABE" WAY

I SEE ...

...

YES ...

A QUEST-ION...

MAY I ASK A QUESTION?

SO IT'S LIKE THAT.

I WON'T DRIVE THE PACE ANY MORE

IN THAT CASE

OF THE RACE AND THE OTHERS FOLL-OWED

OF THE HORSE'S TROT IN THE MID-DLE

IF I CHAN-GE THE PACE

ASSUM-ING I DECIDE TO RIDE,

THEN ...

PLEASE, BY ALL MEANS ...

FU FU

WOULD YOU MIND THAT ...?

I'LL LET IT SLOW DOWN.

WHILE NECK AND NECK COMPETING FOR FIRST

ABOUT 50M FROM THE FINISH ...

IF I CAME OUT ON TOP, WOULD YOU WANT ME TO DO THAT?

PLEASE, SLOW THE PACE ...!

BY ALL MEANS ...

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...

GIN-SAN ...

...

IN THE UP-COMING RACE ...
OKABE-SAN...!
O...

OKABE-SAN ...

...

I WOULD BE HON-ORED TO RIDE ...

MAKING A PROM-ISE LIKE THAT ...

IS THIS REALLY OKAY ...?

TA-NA-KA ...

THERE ARE A LOT OF DIS-ADVANT-AGES ...

AN ENEMY OF THE JSA.

YOU WILL BECOME

IF YOU RIDE FOR THE OTHER SIDE

...

WHO NEVER SAYS, "WIN" ...

SOMEONE WILLING TO PUT UP 30BN

HIS OWN TE-AM ...

HE SHOWED ME

...

HAA ...

DON'T BE SO STINGY ...

ARE LIKE AN ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM.

THE JSA'S HORSES

WAS TERR-IBLE.

THAT LINEUP OF HORSES

AND HE HASN'T DECIDED ON JOCK-EYS YET

BACK THEN ...

HE'D CERTAINLY LOSE...

IS LIKE A B-CLASS TEAM FULL OF SECOND STRING PLAYERS

HIRAI'S SIDE

HE ACTED LIKE THAT IN SPITE OF THE SITUATION ...

I CAN'T ABANDON SOMEONE LIKE HIM.

HE NEVER DEMANDED THAT I COME

HE NEVER USED VIOLENCE OR HIGH-HANDED THREATS.

HE WAS AWARE OF AN "OKABE" WHO WAS NOT TIED TO THE JSA.

HIRAI-SAN WANTED TO HAVE ME AT ALL COSTS...

BUT ...

YOU CAN'T SAY, "VICTORY" LIGHTLY

IF YOU LOOK AT THE OTHER SIDE'S LINEUP

BUT ...

OF CO-UR-SE,

WILL BE SEEN AS A JOKE BY ANY SENSIBLE PEOPLE.

THE RAC-ING WOR-LD

IF THE HORSE-RACING WORLD UNANIMOUSLY DESERTS HIM

HIS FAILURE IS THE ONE THING I WON'T ALLOW ...

I CANNOT LET THAT MAN SEE SUCH WRETCHED DEFEAT ...

... OKABE-SAN ...

...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT ...?

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